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*COMMENTS FROM DAVID KAREM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF
EDUCATION CHAIR*

***RESOLUTION URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE EARLY
ADOPTERS OF POLICY TO RAISE THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE AGE TO 18***



A highlight of the April 10 Kentucky Board of Education meeting was the board's unanimous passage of a resolution in support of the elements of SB 97 (raising the compulsory school attendance age to 18), adopted by the 2013 General Assembly, and acknowledging the extraordinary collaborative effort that took place in getting the bill passed. Raising the compulsory school age to 18 signals that educators in Kentucky will no longer let students drop out at 16 and will continue to work with them to become college- and/or career-ready.

As the resolution states, the Kentucky Board of Education urges all local school boards to be courageous and become early adopters of such a policy. **Local boards should take special note, however, that the earliest such a policy can be adopted according to state law is on the "first moment of June 25, 2013" or thereafter for an effective date of 2015-16.** If adopted before then, the policy is invalid.

Following is the full resolution adopted by the board:

***Resolution Urging Local Boards of Education to be Early Adopters of a Policy to Raise
the Compulsory School Attendance Age to 18
by the Kentucky Board of Education***

Whereas, In the past, students were permitted by state law to drop out of school at the age of 16, thus severely diminishing their opportunities for success in life either in postsecondary education or a career; and

Whereas, During the 2013 legislative session, outstanding collaboration occurred between Governor Steven L. Beshear, First Lady Jane Beshear, the General Assembly, Commissioner Terry Holliday, Kentucky Board of Education, and other education partners resulting in the adoption of Senate Bill 97 so that the compulsory school attendance age will be raised to 18 in the 2015-16 school year for those districts whose local boards of education enact such a policy; and

Whereas, Local boards of education can begin adopting such a policy on the “first moment of June 25, 2013” or thereafter that contains an effective date of 2015-16; and

Whereas, The early adoption of such a policy will give districts the ability to give notice to rising freshmen of this important change and give school and district staffs time to plan for its successful implementation; and

Whereas, The quicker that 55 percent of Kentucky districts adopt these policies, then the sooner that all districts must adopt a policy, within four years of when the 55 percent is reached, and ensure that the interventions and programs are put in place to meet students’ needs in order for them to persist to graduation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education urges local boards of education to be courageous, early adopters of a policy to raise the compulsory school attendance age to 18, effective in the 2015-16 school year, in order to send a strong message that completing high school is essential to ensuring that every student graduates college- and career-ready.

TWO NEW KBE MEMBERS SWORN-IN

Franklin District Court Judge Phillip Shepherd administered the oath of office to Trevor R. Bonnstetter of Mayfield and Grayson R. Boyd of Williamsport, recently appointed to the Kentucky Board of Education by Governor Steve Beshear. Bonnstetter’s term of office expires April 14, 2016 and Boyd’s expires April 14, 2014.

Contact information for the new members as well as all other KBE members can be found at <http://education.ky.gov/KBE/memb/Pages/Kentucky-Board-of-Education-Members.aspx> where the address list is found.

For more information on the new members, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.



From Left to Right: Trevor Bonnsetter, Judge Phillip Shepherd and Grayson Boyd

702 KAR 7:065 AMENDED TO DESIGNATE KHSAA TO MANAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

At the April 10, 2013, meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved amendments to 702 KAR 7:065 to designate the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) as the agent to manage both high school and middle school athletics. Within the regulation, requirements now exist for coaches, medical training and policies, limits on games and competitions and sports physicals for middle schools. Other revisions were made to the KHSAA Bylaws and Constitution as recommended by the KHSAA Board of Control and membership. To see the regulation and related materials, go to <http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>, agenda item XXIII.B.1.

The changes regarding middle schools were based upon policy considerations of the Task Force on Middle School Interscholastic Athletics. These include the establishment of a permanent work group to advise KHSAA and the Kentucky Board of Education on middle school athletics.

For more information on the revisions to 702 KAR 7:065, contact Kevin Brown at (502) 564-4474 or via e-mail at kevin.brown@education.ky.gov.

REGULATION CONTAINING NEXT-GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS GIVEN FIRST READING

704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards, was given its first reading by the state board. The revisions to this regulation would incorporate the newly released Next-Generation Science Standards (NGSS) into the Kentucky Core Academic Standards.

The development of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) began in 2010 when the National Research Council, the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Achieve, Inc. initiated a two-stage process to develop a world-class set of K-12 science education standards. The National Research Council (NRC), the staff arm of the National Academy of Sciences, began by developing the [Framework for K-12 Science Education](#). The *Framework* reflects the most current research on science and

science learning and identifies the science content that all K–12 students should know. The NRC convened a committee of 18 individuals who are nationally and internationally known in their respective fields. A public draft was released in July of 2010. The NRC reviewed comments and considered all feedback prior to releasing the final *Framework* on July 19, 2011.

The second stage of NGSS development began when a group of identified leading states were charged with the development of K–12 science standards based on the *Framework*. These standards are rich in content and practice and are arranged in a coherent manner across disciplines and grades in order to provide all students an internationally-benchmarked science education. The development of the NGSS has been based on a collaborative state-led effort which included stakeholders in science, science education, higher education and industry.

Kentucky’s official involvement with the NGSS began in July 15, 2011 when the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) submitted an application signed by Commissioner Holliday and Board Chair David Karem to be considered by Achieve as a “lead state” in NGSS development. Kentucky was announced as a lead state on September 20, 2011. Review and guidance has been provided by advisory committees composed of nationally recognized leaders in science and science education, as well as business and industry. As part of the development process, the standards have undergone multiple reviews including two public drafts.

A State Review Team has responded to five separate drafts of the NGSS over the last 15 months. According to Dr. Stephen Pruitt of Achieve, 95% of the standards were revised between the first and second public drafts with a significant reduction in the total number of Performance Expectations occurring as a result of feedback.

To review the standards and related materials, go to <http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>, agenda item XXIV.A.2. The regulation will come back to the board for approval at the June meeting.

For more information on the NGSS, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at felicia.smith@education.ky.gov.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND EFFECTIVENESS SYSTEM UPDATE PRESENTED

Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith provided the state board with a progress report on the implementation of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) at the April meeting. She reminded the board that the goal of the system is to improve overall teaching and learning in order to reach the board’s goal of having an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective principal leading every school.

Smith noted that during the 2013 legislative session, HB 180 was passed amending KRS 156.557 to align with federal ESEA requirements for evaluation. It was further shared that the next step will be to come back to the board during the coming year with revisions to 704 KAR 3:345 (the evaluation regulation) so that it meets the provisions of HB 180 and the ESEA waiver. Revisions to the regulation will also be informed by national research, the PGES field test and pilot implementation and recommendations from the Teacher and Principal Steering Committees.

Additionally, the board was reminded that the statewide pilot will occur in 2013-14 with overall accountability taking place in 2014-15. It was pointed out that at this time, all but four districts have indicated an intent to adopt the new statewide system.

To access the materials from the April board meeting on this topic, go to <http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>, agenda item XV.

For more information on PGES, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov.

ADVANCEKENTUCKY ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOOLS

At the April 10 board meeting, AdvanceKentucky announced that the following ten high schools have been invited to participate as part of the program's Cohort 6: Bullitt Central, East Carter, Fern Creek, Holmes, Madison Central, Madison South, McCracken County, North Bullitt, Seneca and Southern. Letters of Agreement are under development with these schools and the projected participation is 5,000 Advanced Placement math, science and English enrollments for 2013-14. With the addition of these schools, this approaches 42 percent of the public high schools in Kentucky as participants in the program. It was stated that the long-term goal is to serve all interested high schools within ten cohorts.

For more information on this topic, contact Joanne Lang at (859) 576-3282 or via e-mail at jiang@kstc.com.

STATE BOARD HONORS KDE SCHOOL REPORT CARD TEAM

During the "Good News" portion of the April 10 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education recognized and honored the members of the KDE School Report Card Team as follows: Pat Black, Travis Burgess, Susmitha Katakam, Balaji Soundararaj, John Boone, Mike Gray, Roger Ervin, Devin Leonard, Barbara Maas, Mike Prater, James Reed, Chris Williams, Brad Blunt, Carol Buell, Rodney Matejek, Cheri Meadows, Windy Newton, Steve Young, Kate Akers, Joy Barr, Lisa Gross, Franki Jenkins, Tina Logan, Jay Roberts, John Wickizer, Sri Srineni, Kevin Hill, Rhonda Sims, DeDe Conner, Ken Draut, and David Couch, .

Each member received a certificate of special recognition from Board Chair David Karem.

The report card is a great example of offices across KDE working effectively toward a common goal. It is a tremendous tool for schools, districts, parents and the public to review data and use it for school improvement as well as a source of data to inform policy making for the state board and public officials. The report card is also a shining example of making data transparent and open to anyone.

For more information on the school report card, contact David Couch at (502) 564-2020 or via e-mail at david.couch@education.ky.gov or Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via e-mail at ken.draut@education.ky.gov.



Members of the KDE School Report Card Team

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE APRIL MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the February 6, 2013 regular meeting and February 20, 2013 special meeting
- Resolution Honoring Barrett Block of Henry Clay High School, Fayette County School District, as Runner-Up on Jeopardy! Teen Tournament
- New district facility plans for Bell, McCreary, Mercer, Montgomery and Oldham County School Districts and Glasgow and Walton-Verona Independent School Districts
- District facility plan amendment for Pineville Independent School District
- Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) from Fort Thomas Independent
- Travel for new board members to the NASBE New Board Member Institute in Arlington, Virginia on July 26-27, 2013
- Travel of board members attending the NASBE Annual Conference in Arlington, Virginia on July 28-30, 2013

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Kentucky Gallop Student Poll Results
- Teacher and Principal Preparation: Update on Recent National Efforts
- 2012-2014 Biennial Budget Update
- Hearing Officer's Report
- Status Update on State Management in Breathitt County and Monticello Independent
- 2013 Elementary and Secondary Legislation
- 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members (First Reading)
- Audit Update and Review of the Commissioner's and Board's Expenses
- Delivery Field Visits Report
- 704 KAR 3:035, Annual professional development plan (First Reading)
- KDE Employment Report (All offices except Career and Technical Education)
- KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education)
- Litigation Report

KBE MEETING DATES

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| June 5, 2013 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| August 7-8, 2013 | KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| October 8, 2013 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| December 4, 2013 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

For questions on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via e-mail at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 10, 2013, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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